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1. IF QUERIED ABOUT DANA ADAMS SCHMIDT STORY IN APRIL 16

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MONITOR, DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN WILL NOTE THAT AS A MATTER OF

POLICY NEITHER DEPARTMENT NOR DOD COMMENTS ON STORIES CONCERNING OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS OR FUTURE DEPLOYMENTS. (FYI, THERE IS NO REGULAR DEPARTMENT BRIEFING APRIL 17 OR 18; ARTICLE NOT MENTIONED IN FEB 17 DOD BRIEFING).

2. DOD SPOKESMAN WILL RESPOND TO ANY QUERIES AS NOTED IN PARA 1 ABOVE. IF ASKED FOR SPECIFIC INFORMATION WITH REGARD TO CURRENT US DEPLOYMENTS REFERRED TO IN SCHMIDT STORY, HE WILL REFER QUESTIONERS TO PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS ALREADY MADE REGARDING US FORCE POSTURE IN ASIA (I.E., RECENT RE-DEPLOYMENTS FROM THAILAND, CINCPAC ANNOUNCEMENT IN SEPTEMBER 1973 REGARDING WITHDRAWAL OF 374TH TAW FROM TAIWAN, OR NOVEMBER 1972 ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING STATIONING OF US F-4'S ON TAIWAN) BUT DECLINE COMMENT ON POSSIBLE FUTURE MOVEMENTS. IF ASKED SPECIFICALLY WITH REGARD TO F-4'S ON TAIWAN, SPOKESMAN WOULD SAY THAT THEY WERE DEPLOYED THERE TEMPORARILY IN NOVEMBER 1972 TO FILL AIR DEFENSE ROLE FORMERLY PERFORMED BY ROC AIRCRAFT WHICH WERE PROVIDED TO SOUTH

VIETNAM AND THAT THEY WOULD REMAIN ON TAIWAN UNTIL ROC AIRCRAFT ARE REPLACED. SPOKESMAN WOULD DECLINE ANY COMMENT ON TIMING OF SUCH A MOVE.

3. EMBASSY SHOULD FOLLOW GUIDANCE IN PARA 1 IN RESPONSE TO ANY PRESS QUERIES. SEPTTEL FOLLOWS WITH INSTRUCTIONS ON HANDLING OFFICIAL GROC QUERIES ON SCHMIDT STORY.

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